

20 December 2024

Dear Families,

Please find below the parent bulletin for week commencing 6 January 2025. You can also follow this link to the latest edition of our [Ibstock Insights](#). We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

**All Years**

**Mental Health & Wellbeing** - The message below has been sent out to all students to support them over the festive period:

Whilst we think of Christmas time as a time of joy, for many it can be a very difficult time. We may struggle with being out of our normal routines, spending lots of time at home, missing loved ones and not having our usual support network around us. There is still lots of support around if you are struggling with your mental health or wellbeing over Christmas. On the link below, you can find lots of information about different websites, apps and helplines for different aspects of mental health and wellbeing. Remember to be kind to yourself as well as others. [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

We have also been made aware of a new website '[Hubofhope.co.uk](http://Hubofhope.co.uk)' which allows you to find specific support close to the area that you live in. This shows all mental health support, for children and adults.

**Admissions Consultation 2026–27** – A letter regarding a consultation around admissions arrangements for schools in the LiFE Multi Academy Trust is available on our website, please read - [Admissions Consultation](#)

**ParentPay** – Please ensure any outstanding dinner money balances on ParentPay are cleared ASAP.

**Student Achievements and Social Media Consent**– At Ibstock School we love to celebrate and share our students' achievements in school on our social media pages. Please ensure you have updated you child's Arbor profile with your [photo consent preference](#). We also greatly enjoy hearing about their successes outside of school. If there are any accomplishments you would like to share with us, please feel free to email these through to [principalspa@ibstockschool.co.uk](mailto:principalspa@ibstockschool.co.uk)

**School Buses** - We have been informed that students who are assigned to the IS139 bus are trying to use the IS138 to get home. Please can you remind students that they must use the bus they are assigned to. Drivers are requested not to allow students onto a bus if they are not on the list for that bus. This is to ensure a smooth and safe journey for all students.

<b>All Years</b>	<p><b>Parent / Carer Feedback Questionnaire</b> - Please take a moment to complete our parent / carer feedback questionnaire, using your experiences from this academic year - <a href="#">Ibstock School Parent / Carer Feedback Questionnaire</a></p> <p>Completing this questionnaire will enable us to review our improvement plans, understand our successes, and adjust them in response to the feedback we receive.</p> <p><b>Home Learning Timetable</b> – If your child is directed to work at home the Home Learning Timetable can be found on our website. It is important that when students are not at school, they keep up with the work their teacher has set for them - <a href="#">Home Learning Timetable</a></p> <p><b>Grab Bag Order Form</b> - Beat the Queue. Order your cold food grab bag via the online link by 9am on the day required. Collection from the hut at lunchtime - <a href="#">Grab Bag Order Form</a></p>
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<b>Year 7</b>	No year 7 updates
<b>Year 8</b>	No year 8 updates
<b>Year 9</b>	No year 9 updates
<b>Year 10</b>	<p><b>Year 10 Progress Evening</b> -- The booking system is now open on Arbor for year 10 progress evening on Thursday 9 January, 4-7pm. The booking system will close at 12pm on Monday 6 January 2025. More information on how to book can be found on our website - <a href="#">Year 10 Progress Evening</a></p>
<b>Year 11</b>	<p><b>Year 11 English Superstars</b> – This weeks year 11 English superstars are: Coleen S-H, Liam B, Ava-May P and Samuel R. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.</p>

### Dates for your diary...

Friday 20 December 2024 – Last day of term  
Monday 6 January 2025 – School re-opens  
Thursday 9 January 2025 – Year 10 Progress Evening  
Thursday 16 January 2025 – School closes at 2pm

**Sparx Reader Superstars** - This week's Sparx Reader Superstars are:

**Year 7**

1st Place - Joe P 1547 SRP 7BFo

2nd Place - Tudor B 1373 SRP 7BFo

3rd Place -Ronnie W 1372 SRP 7RRh

**Year 8**

1st Place - Poppy G 705 SRP 8BHe

2nd Place - Kitty J 490 SRP 8RGr

3rd Place - Lucas D 453 SRP 8AMi

**Year 9**

1st Place - Rosie D 903 SRP 9RLa

2nd Place - Evie W 714 SRP 9JTu

3rd Place - Alfie L 635 SRP 9KTa

**Year 10**

1st Place - Shakira E 535 SRP 10TLa

2nd Place - Sophie R 446 SRP 10ALe

3rd Place - Jake C 381 SRP 10JHo

Please see Mr Moore on Monday 6 January 2025 to collect your prize.

**\*Please note that the leader board is checked at 8am every Friday morning for the superstar result.**

**Current Vacancies**

Our website has more information on current vacancies we have at school - [ibstock school](#)  
[Current Vacancies](#)